

FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: March 25, 1996

SUBJECT: **HB 3000**

This bill, if enacted, will create the *Prayer in School Act of 1996* and provide that:

1. students in public schools have the right to pray alone or in groups, as long as the prayer does not disrupt the educational process or coerce others;
2. students have the right to share their faith with others;
3. students have the right to distribute religious literature, subject to reasonable limitations as to time, place and manner;
4. students have the right to form religious clubs or other voluntary religious organizations; and
5. schools have the right to teach about religion in the curriculum, but cannot inhibit nor inculcate religion.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to be an increase in local government* expenditures for these materials to be incorporated into the curriculum. The amount of such increase cannot be determined but is estimated to be not significant.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or*

counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.